

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING (CSA) MEETING

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Adult Services Agency
Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, Deltas
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy.; Lansing, MI
9:00 AM, Friday, September 15, 2017**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jon Mead, Chief Executive Director of the UP AAA.

CSA ROLL CALL

The CSA roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

CSA MEMBERS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, John Briggs, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Peter Lichtenberg, Harold Mast, Donna Murray-Brown, Laura Newsome, Margot Roedel, Linda Strohl and Kristie Zamora.

CSA MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Kathleen LaTosch, Amy Tripp and Michael Sheehan.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Eric Berke, Cindy Albrecht, Steve Betterly, Carol Dye, Dawn Jacobs, Sherri King, Phil Lewis, Laura McMurtry and Tari Muniz.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Jon Mead, Marion Owen, Kate Long, Carl Bonoduno, Joe Reeves, Tammy Lemmer, Laura Sutter, Sarah Watson, Karla Fales, Heidi Gustine, Bob Schlueter, Amy Florea, Pam Curtis, Brian Brockway, Anne Zemlick, Laurie Sauer, Margaret O'Malley, Bob Litke, Jo Murphy, Sarah Queiros, and Dale Espich.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart made corrections to the agenda, and she requested a motion to approve the amended CSA agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CSA MINUTES

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the August 18, 2017 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wishart requested an edit to the minutes, and asked to approve the amended minutes. This was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Jo Murphy of the MMAP Program, thanked the commission on behalf of the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program and their partners in the aging network, for the CSA's work to advocate for funding to be reinstated for their program that enlists volunteers to help Michigan citizens with Medicaid and Medicare problems, questions, and enrollment.

CSA CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart thanked commissioners and staff for their time, travel and expertise in writing up and reviewing the area agency on aging's area implementation plans.

Commissioner Wishart thanked commissioners for their caring support on behalf of Commissioner Briggs in the loss of his son, and she extended continued support.

Commissioner Wishart stated an advocacy letter went to members of Congress in support of SHIP funding.

Commissioner Wishart shared a letter regarding Commissioner Sheehan and his decision to resign from the SAC, but with the intent to stay with the CSA, and stated after careful review and consideration, she appointed Commissioner Kristie Zamora as the new SAC Chair.

Commissioner Zamora stated she accepts this new role and responsibility, and is honored and grateful for Commissioner Sheehan's leadership, purpose, dedication, encouragement and sense of humor, and she looks forward to working with the SAC members and is thankful for the opportunity.

Commissioner Wishart stated the October CSA meeting will be held in Alpena, and she asked those needing overnight accommodations, to let Ms. Dye know by September 29th.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Kline stated AASA continues to monitor the MiChoice Waiver Program, and the challenges some of the AAAs are facing in implementing this program.

Director Kline stated AASA staff, Wendi Middleton, was a recipient of the Joe D. Sutton award from Elder Law of Michigan last month, and recently our department received a people's choice award from the Office of Performance and Transformation for a LEAN process improvement for non-emergency medical transportation that the BOLD Council worked on, which Ms. Middleton serves on, with the Medical Services Administration team.

Director Kline stated he and Deputy Director Scott Wamsley will travel to Chicago for a robust two day meeting with AASA's federal partners.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, provided an overview on AASA's financial status, and announced SIGMA, a new finance system the department will soon transition to.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's Public Affairs Specialist, provided an overview of a continuing resolution the president signed, an update on the Affordable Care Act, federal budget issues, and state budget and legislative issues.

Mr. Lewis stated AASA was involved in a meeting on senior housing that included AAA Directors, senior advocates, State Government officials and other State departments that centered around challenges at the local level in an effort to determine possible solutions for low income seniors trying to find affordable housing options, service providers trying to find seniors affordable housing options, developers trying to build housing stock, and resources to maintain the current housing stock, which are incredibly complex and multi-faceted issues that will require several different solutions. Next steps will be to pull together questions for State agencies to get a sense of problems at the local level, to do an inventory of resources at the State level, and to do an analysis of laws and policies, with a plan to pull together a bipartisan package for next spring.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Murray-Brown stated Advocacy Committee members, Commissioners Icardo, Mast, Newsome and LaTosch discussed some of the unintended consequences around Medicaid policy and seniors looking for long term care. Commissioner Tripp was a guest presenter on their last call, and she shared a detailed perspective around barriers that seniors face just to get long term care.

Additional discussion followed on some of the difficulties of elder abuse, reporting it, and their next steps, with Commissioner Lichtenberg offering to serve as ad hoc on this issue.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 State Long Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) Program Grant Funds

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, requested approval of year two funding for Michigan Advocacy Program (MIAP) to continue leadership, training, and technical assistance to local long term care ombudsman staff and systems advocacy for residents of Michigan's licensed long-term care facilities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve FY 2018 SLTCO program grant funds, as presented. Commissioner Briggs seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Mr. Wamsley offered to invite MIAP to a future CSA meeting after the fourth quarter report comes out to present the data, as well as at the end of the year to discuss the federal report submitted to Administration on Community Living on all ombudsmen activities.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Senior Volunteer Program State Allocations

Mr. Wamsley requested approval to allocate FY 2018 funding for the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), and Senior Companion Program (SCP), to support local volunteer program activities.

Mr. Wamsley stated due to a sponsor's decision to cease sponsorship, this left an unobligated balance to be awarded in the first quarter of FY 2018 to another sponsor that will be determined through a request for proposal process. If no applicants apply, or if they do, but do not qualify, the funding will be redistributed to other RSVP project sponsors, which will come back to the CSA for review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strohl to approve FY 2018 Senior Volunteer Program State allocations, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) Grant Awards

Mr. Wamsley requested approval of PREVNT initiative grant awards for a variety of elder abuse prevention efforts to several organizational grantees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown to approve FY 2018 PREVNT grant awards, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, State Health Insurance Program (MIPPA SHIP) and Area Agency on Aging (MIPPA AAA)

Tari Muniz, AASA Departmental Analyst, requested approval to grant FY 2018 MIPPA SHIP and MIPPA AAA funding to MMAP, Inc., expected soon to be granted to AASA for outreach, education and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part C, Low Income Subsidy and Medical Savings Programs., and requested approval for AASA's Senior Deputy Director to adjust the final grant award by five percent, based project fund availability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve FY 2018 grant for MIPPA SHIP and MIPPA AAA, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded this motion.

It was noted that the memo should be revised to reflect a correction in the grant amount, and to reflect the remaining balance is for administrative costs, and Commissioner Wishart requested a corrected memo be provided to the CSA.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration (MIPPA ADRC)

Ms. Muniz requested approval of FY 2018 MIPPA ADRC funding expected to be granted to AASA, and awarded to grantees for outreach, education and enrollment assistance to Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy, and Medical Savings Programs, noting the difference in funding would remain with AASA for administrative costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown to approve FY 2018 grant for MIPPA

ADRC, as presented. Commissioner Lichtenberg seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Merit Award Trust Fund (MATF) Caregiver Support Program Allocations

Eric Berke, AASA Field Services and Support Unit Manager, requested approval of state funding allocations of MATF used for caregiver support programs to several organizational programs administered by Home and Community-Based Waiver agents.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve FY 2018 MATF caregiver support program allocations, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with a 10-0-2 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Funding, known as Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH in Michigan

Sherri King, AASA Coordinator of Nutrition and Wellness Programs, requested approval of USDA SFMNP funding, known as Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH in Michigan, to provide Michigan seniors with coupons for the purchase fresh foods from farmer's markets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the FY 2017 USDA SFMNP funding, known as Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH in Michigan, as presented. Commissioner Roedel seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

The CSA took a break at 10:35 AM, and resumed business at 10:44 AM.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging (UPAAA), Region 11

Eric Berke, AASA Field Representative, introduced Jon Mead, President and CEO of Region 11 UPAAA, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Berke requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region 11 UPAAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve FY 2018 AIP for Region 11 UPAAA, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

Mr. Mead provided a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Eric Berke, AASA Field Representative, introduced Laurie Sauer, Director of Region 9 AAA,

and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Berke requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region 9 AAA, and an appendix.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briggs to approve FY 2018 AIP for Region 9 AAA, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Ms. Sauer provided a handout, detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM), Region 10

Eric Berke, AASA Field Representative, introduced Bob Schlueter, Executive Director of Region 10 AAANM, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Berke requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region 10 AAANM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newsome to approve FY 2018 AIP for Region 10 AAANM, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion on behalf of Commissioner Sheehan.

Mr. Schlueter and Heidi Gustine provided handouts, detailed overviews, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Senior Resources, Region 14 Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Eric Berke, AASA Field Representative, introduced Pam Curtis, CEO of Senior Resources, Region 14 AAA, and Amy Florea, community services director and author of the AIP, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Berke requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Senior Resources, Region 14 AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strohl to approve FY 2018 AIP for Senior Resources, Region 14 AAA, as presented. Commissioner Mast seconded the motion.

Ms. Curtis and Ms. Florea provided detailed overviews, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Commissioner Ilardo stated the AIPs contain so much good information and are so thorough and complete, they leave little need for additional clarification and inquiries.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

The CSA took a lunch break at 11:50 AM, and resumed business at 12:59 PM.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Region IIIA

Cindy Albrecht, AASA Field Representative, introduced Anne Zemlick, Director of the AAA Region IIIA, and Brian Brockway, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. Albrecht requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for AAA Region IIIA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briggs to approve FY 2018 AIP for AAA Region IIIA, as presented. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded the motion.

Ms. Zemlick provided handouts, a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Carewell Services, Southwest, Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Steve Betterly, AASA Field Representative, introduced Karla Fales, Executive Director of the Region 3-B AAA, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Betterly requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Carewell Services SW, Region 3-B AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve FY 2018 AIP for Carewell Services SW, Region 3-B AAA, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Ms. Fales provided a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Region 3C

Sherri King, AASA Field Representative, introduced Laura Sutter, Branch-St. Joseph, 3C AAA Coordinator, and Sarah Watson, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. King requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for AAA Region 3C, and an appendix.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown to approve FY 2018 AIP for AAA Region 3C, as presented. Commissioner Mast seconded the motion.

Ms. Sutter provided some handouts, a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Tri-County Office on Aging (TCoA), Region 6 Area Agency on Aging

Steve Betterly, AASA Field Representative, introduced Marion Owen, Executive Director, Kate Long, Tammy Lemmer and Carl Buonodono of TCoA, Region 6 AAA and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Betterly requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for TCoA, Region 6 AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roedel to approve FY 2018 AIP for TCoA, Region 6 AAA, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Ms. Owen provided a handout, detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Commissioner Murray-Brown requested the survey on direct care workers, and Ms. Owen stated she would provide that.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region 1B Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Cindy Albrecht, AASA Field Representative, introduced Jim McGuire, Interim CEO of Region 1B AAA, and noted they met all criteria as set forth by the Commission, and noted they must satisfy all conditions of probation by September 15, 2017, as detailed in a letter from AASA's Senior Deputy Director Richard Kline dated April 24, 2017, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. Albrecht requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region 1B AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lichtenberg to approve FY 2018 AIP for Region 1B AAA, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Mr. McGuire provided a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wishart stated the next CSA meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, October 20, 2017, at Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center located at 500 W. Fletcher St. in Alpena, with a public hearing to follow at 1:00 PM at this same location.

These meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend may do so. Those needing accommodations to attend should contact Carol Dye at (517) 284-0146 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next SAC meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Ramada location in Lansing.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Irby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ilardo. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM.